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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The directives, as I have already said, are purely of an administrative nature. Our approval does not at all arise."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Chief Minister says the instructions are purely of an administrative nature. Do they relate only to transfers of prisoners and issuing of warrants? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They relate to every section under the Act, as passed by the Parliament. To be more or less uniform in its operation in various States, each section has been carefully explained and the Government of India have issued certain instructions to the States in regard to them. There is no going outside the law in this matter."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Are these instructions supposed to be binding on Courts? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The instructions have nothing to do with Courts. The instructions deal with only what the State Governments have to do."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As this Preventive Detention Act is likely to put in jeopardy the individual freedom of citizens, have this Government of Madras taken the view of the Madras Civil Liberties Union in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I assure the hon. Member that the liberties of the people of Madras will not be in jeopardy as long as they do not commit any offence." (Laughter.)

Sale of culinary essences.

*104 Q.—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report to the effect that a large part of the stocks of culinary essences has gone underground and is being still illicitly disposed of to consumers at blackmarket rates; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in this matter?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) No. Sir. It is however possible that some stock might have gone underground in view of the recent restrictions imposed on the sale of these essences. No reports have been received relating to their sales at blackmarket prices.

" (b) Does not arise."